"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

— Maya Angelou

## **PROFILE**

As the Founder and President of Sharia's Closet, Shamine Linton is dedicated to fostering positive change through compassionate service and innovative solutions. Under her leadership, Sharia's Closet has become a vital resource for individuals in need, offering customized care packages and emergency clothing to diverse populations, including victims of natural disasters, human trafficking, domestic violence, refugees, and those facing unemployment or homelessness.

Shamine's guiding principle is the belief that collective action can transform the world, reflected in her mantra: "Together we can make this world a better place one action at a time, one day at a time, and one bag at a time." This commitment to dignity and respect is evident in Sharia's Closet's boutique-style environment, where inclusivity and community support are core values.



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Sharia's Closet operates across multiple locations, including its headquarters on El Cajon Blvd in San Diego, and partners with Family Justice Centers in San Diego, San Marcos, and Episcopal Community Services in Chula Vista. The organization provides emergency clothing, hygiene products, and diapers and collaborates with over 200 referring organizations, including schools and social service organizations, to enhance its reach and effectiveness.

In addition to her work with Sharia's Closet, Shamine is involved with an organization specializing in Early Childhood Education, demonstrating her commitment to nurturing and empowering others. Her leadership is characterized by her ability to identify and harness the strengths of volunteers, promoting a culture of advocacy and growth within the community.

On a personal note, Shamine is happily married to Shane, a 20-year veteran, and they have been together for over 26 years. Their family includes their 25-year-old son, Shamari, who serves in the U.S. Air Force, and their 16-year-old daughter, Sharia, who inspired the name of the organization. Their household is completed by their Maltese mix puppy, Maxie, and their standard poodle, Oreo. Shamine's philosophy is rooted in community and care, emphasizing the importance of supporting one another with genuine intentions, regardless of background or circumstances.